

4. **Iris Sale**

Chuck Simon -was unable to attend this

meeting Chuck has inquired about amount of money to spend for purchase of iris. A motion was made and seconded to spend \$300.00 with Mid America Garden and postage to be included in that amount. It was decided that it would not be fair to the grower. Discussion followed concerning irises that the public purchases – the public in this area (central Illinois) wish to purchase iris that are in the price range from \$2.00 to \$6.00. Members felt that the member's donated iris would fit that bill and the higher priced Mid-America iris could be used on the silent auction. It was decided to amend the motion as follows: Order \$150.00 from Mid America Gardens, and allow money for postage and supplies for the iris sale. Motion by Richard Funk and seconded by Debra Miller. Voted on the amendment, amendment passed. Voted on the original motion which was defeated. It was suggested if each member brought 25 rhizomes we should have enough iris to sell at the sale. Several members have offered extra iris to stock the sale. The offer was accepted and several volunteered to help. Jerry Wilhoit is to contact Chuck Simon concerning the Siberian iris that we would like to order from the Hollingsworth. Members were concerned about the unknown cost of Hollingsworth's SIB's. John Bilski moved we allot \$150.00 for Siberian iris to be purchased from Hollingsworth and have Chuck make this deal. Ernie Henson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. **Membership**

Patrick Hayden

Membership has dropped 6 members, the total membership is 136. Region had 6 affiliates however Northern Illinois Iris Society did not apply as an affiliate this year. It was suggested if NIIS should dissolve that Region 9 could hold the monies until such time the group would or could regroup.

6. **Irisarian**

Ann Henson

140 copies of the

Irisarian were published, expenses for these issues and postage were \$421.00. Ann would like someone else to take over the Irisarian however will publish the August issue.

2. It was suggested the treasurer's report be edited not to show balances on the web site. Suggestion accepted.
 3. Lu & Orville Dickhaut asked if we wanted to **advertise** the Iris Sale as in previous years in the Springfield Newspaper. If so the ad would run 3 times for a total of \$177.00. Leora McTall moved we advertise the Iris Sale as we have done previously. Fred Bennett seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 4. **Question** was asked how to prepare the irises for the sale. It was explained that the irises are washed, labeled with name of iris either on the leaf or stable to the leaf.
 5. Marge Benson displayed albums and registration records from David Hall, well known for **Flamingo Pink irises**. This collection came from a grandson of David Hall and will be put in the AIS library. David Hall began crossing iris in 1924 and passed away in 1966.
 6. Steve Poole announced that on October 8th, 9th, and 10th, the **George Washington Bible** will be in Springfield at the Lincoln Memorial Library, and coming to Illinois for the first time. This Bible has been used to swear in several presidents including Lincoln and our latest president, President Obama.
 7. Mid Illinois Iris Society and the Southern Illinois Iris Society presents their **Spring Iris Show** "Springtime in Iris" Saturday May 9th, 2009 at the Alton Square Mall, Alton, IL, Show chairman Anita Stephens.
- Jerry Wihoit moved the meeting be **adjourned**, Anita Stephens seconded the motion. **Meeting Adjourned!**

Iris Sale & Fall Membership Meeting
Saturday August 29, 2009
Rochester Community Center, Rochester, IL
Sale 8AM to 12PM
Business Meeting 10AM

Lunch 12PM
Send \$10 For Lunch Reservations To Nancy Pocklington
901 Eastland Dr. #C6 Auburn, IL 62615 Phone (217) 438-9353
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